

Stillwater County 2003 Count of Persons by Age, Race, and Gender

School Age	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone and Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5 to 9	504	254	3	2	5	4	0	0	9	5	17	7
10 to 14	562	265	3	2	7	2	6	3	14	6	8	7
15 to 19	606	283	4	1	5	3	4	0	10	4	22	9
20 to 24	454	215	3	1	12	6	3	2	12	7	20	6
Total	2,126	1,017	13	6	29	15	13	5	45	22	67	29

Working Age	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone and Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
15+	6,787	3,348	15	2	51	24	17	8	42	22	154	69
15-64	5,571	2,708	14	2	48	24	17	8	42	22	141	62
20+	6,181	3,065	11	1	46	21	13	8	32	18	132	60
20-64	4,965	2,425	10	1	43	21	13	8	32	18	119	53

Other Age Group	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone and Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0 to 4	424	200	2	0	3	1	1	1	4	2	20	10
5 to 19	1,672	802	10	5	17	10	10	3	33	15	47	23
20 to 44	2,422	1,192	7	1	27	12	7	5	22	11	76	34
45 to 64	2,543	1,233	3	0	16	9	6	3	10	7	43	19
65+	1,216	640	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	13	7
Total	8,277	4,067	23	6	66	32	24	12	69	35	199	93

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2003 Population Estimates
Compiled by: Research & Analysis Bureau



For Stillwater County



Top 10 Private Employers in Stillwater County Listed in Alphabetical Order

307 Club	Special K Ranch
Beartooth Manor	Stillwater Community Hospital
IGA Plus	Stillwater Mining Company
McDonald's	Timberweld Manufacturing
Montana Silversmiths	Town Pump

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau
Second Quarter 2004 Unemployment Insurance Information. This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city, county, state, and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.

Cities and Towns in Stillwater County
Absarokee ■ Columbus ■ Dean ■ Fishtail
Limestone ■ Molt ■ Nye ■ Park City
Rapelje ■ Reed Point

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Located in southcentral Montana, Stillwater County is home to the Stillwater Mining Company platinum and palladium mine, one of only a few of its kind in the world. The mine provides high-paying jobs for many residents and is the reason the county has the second highest median income in the state (Jefferson County is number one).

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median household income for Stillwater County in 2002 was \$43,459. Median income is the average income per household in the county (no matter how many people live in the home); per capita income (inside table) is all income in the county divided by the number of people in the county. Stillwater County ranks fifth in Montana in per capita income.

The Stillwater County Employment by Industry table for 2003 (see inside) shows three-fourths of the private job earnings come from mining, and provide about half of the total private employment. Manufacturing is also important to the county's economy, with the majority of this industry's activity coming from a company producing silver products (i.e., jewelry, spurs, belt buckles), and a company which creates large beams and trusses. Both manufacturing businesses are established in the national markets.

Stillwater County farmers and ranchers are also important to Montana's economy. The county boasts 272 beef cattle ranches, the state's eighth highest (see table to the right) and is important to Montana's cattle industry. The cattle industry is the number one agricultural industry in Montana in terms of sales and revenues, according to the 2002 Census of Agriculture, Ranking of 2002 Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold. The county is also second in Montana for number of bee colonies, producing 428,000 pounds of honey, according to the 2002 Census of Agriculture. Montana ranks sixth in the U.S. for number of bee colonies.

Stillwater County is Montana's 26th most populated, with 8,459 residents, according to the 2003 Census Bureau estimates. Columbus, the county seat, is the state's 37th largest city with a population of 1,890.

Stillwater County Population

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Area	7/1/2003 Estimate	7/1/2002 Estimate	4/1/2000 Census	4/1/1990 Census	Percent Change 2002-2003	Percent Change 2000-2003	Percent Change 1990-2000
Montana	917,621	910,372	902,195	799,065	0.8%	1.7%	12.9%
Stillwater County	8,459	8,451	8,195	6,536	0.1%	3.2%	25.4%
Columbus	1,890	1,860	1,748	1,573	1.6%	8.1%	11.1%

Stillwater County Farms and Ranches

Total Farms and Ranches	552
Oilseed & Grain Farming	31
Vegetable & Melon Farming	1
Fruit & Tree Nut Farming	1
Greenhouse, Nursery & Floriculture Production	2
Sugar Beets, Hay & All Other Crops	119
Beef Cattle Ranching & Farming	272
Cattle Feedlots	11
Dairy Cattle & Milk Production	0
Hog & Pig Farming	1
Poultry & Egg Production	1
Sheep & Goat Farming	19
Animal Aquaculture & Other Animal Production	94

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service,
2002 Census of Agriculture

2000 Stillwater County Commuters by Location

<i>County of Residence</i>	<i># Who Work in Stillwater County</i>	<i>County of Work</i>	<i># Who Live in Stillwater County</i>
Out of State	102	Out of State	66
Broadwater County	8	Beaverhead County	5
Carbon County	167	Carbon County	55
Cascade County	2	Cascade County	5
Deer Lodge County	6	Custer County	6
Gallatin County	11	Gallatin County	3
Lincoln County	5	Lewis & Clark County	4
Musselshell County	5	Madison County	4
Park County	20	Missoula County	16
Silver Bow County	9	Park County	3
Stillwater County	2,812	Silver Bow County	3
Sweet Grass County	70	Stillwater County	2,812
Yellowstone County	417	Sweet Grass County	51
		Wheatland County	4
		Yellowstone County	803
		Other Montana counties	7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Data

For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, job projections, and hourly pay by occupation, contact our office at:

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Be sure to check our location quotients for Stillwater County on the website. Location quotients are a measure of the concentration of an industry's employment in Stillwater County relative to the nation as a whole. A location quotient generally greater than 1 indicates that the industry is more concentrated in Stillwater County than in the nation as a whole, while a location quotient less than 1 indicates it is less concentrated in Stillwater County than in the nation as a whole.

Resources

Census and Economic Information for Montana:

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, P. O. Box 200505, Helena, MT 59620-0505, 406-841-2740 or check out the Internet website at <http://ceic.commerce.mt.gov/>

Chamber of Commerce:

Stillwater County Chamber, P. O. Box 783, Columbus, MT 59019, 406-322-4505, <http://www.stillwater-chamber.org>

Department of Labor and Industry:

Billings Job Service Workforce Center, 2121 Rosebud Drive Stop B, Billings, MT 59102-6274, 406-652-3080, <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/local/billings/>

Economic Development:

Beartooth RC&D, P. O. Box 180, Joliet, MT 59041, 406-962-3914 (this group is currently working to establish an economic development group for Stillwater County)

Internet:

Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/>. For information on the Internet about cities and towns of Absarokee, Columbus, Fishtail, Molt, Nye, Park City, Rapelje and Reed Point go to <http://www.visitmt.com> and click on "cities and towns."

Drivers' Licensing
 Columbus—Courthouse, 400 3rd Ave. N., Columbus, MT 59019, 406-322-8020

Newspaper:

Stillwater County News, P. O. Box 659, Columbus, MT 59019-0659, 406-322-5212, <http://www.stillwatercountynews.com/>

Carbon County Public Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

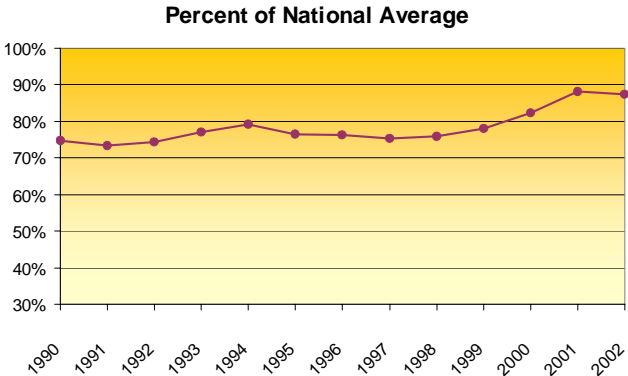
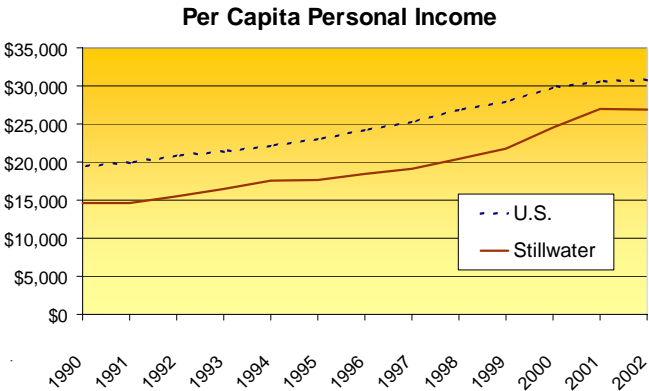
Absarokee Public Schools, 327 S. Woodard Ave., Absarokee, MT 59001, 406-328-4583
 Columbus Public Schools, 433 N. 3rd St., Columbus, MT 59019-7165, 406-322-5373
 Fishtail Elementary, P. O. Box 75, Fishtail, MT 59028, 406-328-6187
 Molt Elementary, P. O. Box 70, Molt, MT 59057, 406-669-3101
 Nye Elementary, P. O. Box 699, Absarokee, MT 59001, 406-328-6187
 Park City Public Schools, P. O. Box 278, Park City, MT 59063, 406-633-2406
 Rapelje Public Schools, P. O. Box 89, Rapelje, MT 59067, 406-663-2215
 Reed Point Public Schools, P. O. Box 338, Reed Point, MT 59069, 406-326-2245

Stillwater County Annual Average Labor Force

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2004	5,275	5,125	150	2.8%
2003	5,321	5,171	150	2.8%
2002	5,441	5,255	186	3.4%
2001	5,599	5,434	165	2.9%
2000	4,767	4,542	225	4.7%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau (2005 Benchmark).

Stillwater County Per Capita Personal Income



Housing Costs:

Check the Yellow Pages in the local phone directory for the *Real Estate* listings.

Public Libraries:

Stillwater County Library, 27 N. 4th St., Columbus, MT 59019-0266, 406-322-5009

Stillwater County Employment by Industry* Annual Averages 2003

Industry	# of Establishments	Avg. Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	296	3,445	\$133,774,099
TOTAL PRIVATE	260	2,976	\$122,648,889
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	3	27	\$1,027,280
MINING	4	1,553	\$92,809,720
UTILITIES	6	18	\$711,947
CONSTRUCTION	48	78	\$1,589,268
Construction of Buildings	19	30	\$487,514
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	6	6	\$182,462
Specialty Trade Contractors	23	42	\$919,292
MANUFACTURING	19	298	\$7,265,472
WHOLESALE TRADE	20	45	\$1,919,572
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	9	22	\$908,146
RETAIL TRADE	36	224	\$3,395,808
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	3	23	\$669,509
Electronics & Appliance Stores	4	7	\$237,863
Building Material & Garden Supply Stores	4	11	\$180,505
Food & Beverage Stores	4	78	\$1,115,826
Gasoline Stations	9	67	\$693,478
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	4	21	\$177,294
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	4	2	\$13,571
TRANSPORTATION & WAREHOUSING	8	12	\$230,221
Truck Transportation	5	9	\$200,676
INFORMATION	4	11	\$503,313
FINANCE & INSURANCE	4	31	\$898,481
REAL ESTATE & RENTAL & LEASING	4	7	\$113,236
PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES	23	46	\$905,818
ADMINISTRATIVE & WASTE SERVICES	6	12	\$821,364
HEALTH CARE & SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	14	205	\$3,031,514
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	3	99	\$1,323,797
Social Assistance	6	14	\$75,532
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT & RECREATION	10	31	\$392,274
ACCOMMODATION & FOOD SERVICES	29	227	\$2,041,034
Accommodation	5	28	\$284,343
Food Services & Drinking Places	24	199	\$1,756,691
OTHER SERVICES	22	73	\$1,246,073
Repair & Maintenance	6	30	\$691,074
Membership Associations & Organizations	9	30	\$379,691
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	36	469	\$11,125,210
Local Government	15	405	\$9,136,539
State Government	11	27	\$918,992
Federal Government	10	37	\$1,069,679

Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.) *This data is based on the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) series which compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance.

Year	U.S.	Stillwater	% of National Average	Year	U.S.	Stillwater	% of National Average
2002	\$30,795	\$26,877	87%	1995	\$23,076	\$17,657	77%
2001	\$30,580	\$26,982	88%	1994	\$22,172	\$17,540	79%
2000	\$29,847	\$24,556	82%	1993	\$21,346	\$16,455	77%
1999	\$27,939	\$21,782	78%	1992	\$20,854	\$15,513	74%
1998	\$26,883	\$20,406	76%	1991	\$19,892	\$14,586	73%
1997	\$25,334	\$19,102	75%	1990	\$19,477	\$14,562	75%
1996	\$24,175	\$18,424	76%				

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System, released September 2004

Summary of Major Occupational Categories by Gender 2000 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Employed Persons 16 Years and Older - Stillwater County

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
<i>Total</i>	3,907	2,202	1,705
<i>Management, professional, and related occupations:</i>	1,091	566	525
Management, business, and financial operations occupations:	534	362	172
Management, except farmers and farm managers	185	113	72
Farmers and farm managers	253	209	44
Business and financial operations occupations:	96	40	56
<i>Professional and related occupations:</i>	557	204	353
Education, training, and library occupations	201	48	153
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations:	133	19	114
<i>Service occupations:</i>	529	135	394
Protective service occupations:	19	18	1
Food preparation and serving related occupations	223	37	186
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	142	56	86
Personal care and service occupations	97	15	82
<i>Sales and office occupations:</i>	752	216	536
Sales and related occupations	325	148	177
Office and administrative support occupations	427	68	359
<i>Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations</i>	129	93	36
<i>Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations:</i>	823	794	29
Construction and extraction occupations:	606	580	26
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	217	214	3
<i>Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:</i>	583	398	185
Production occupations	302	175	127
Motor vehicle operators	130	110	20
Material moving workers	106	74	32

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Equal Employment Opportunity File, www.census.gov/eo 2001.